

E. H. PICKETT, Sworn for the State. I have been working for the Beck & Gregg Hardware Company for twelve years. Albert McKnight was discharged by me for some minor offense from the employ of the Beck & Gregg Hardware Company some time immediately previous to April 26, 1913. I cannot recall the exact date and was not working for me on April 26, 1913, but came back to work for the Beck & Gregg Hardware Company a few days after the murder, but exactly how many I cannot recall. Albert McKnight freely and voluntarily stated to me that he saw Leo M. Frank on April 26, 1913, at the Selig home between 1 and 2 o'clock; that Frank did not eat any dinner and that he went over to the sideboard, stood there for a few minutes and left the house in ten minutes after arrival, and made the other statements which he swore to in the trial of the case of the State vs. Leo M. Frank. He not only made these statements to me, one time, but many times. I have read over the affidavits this day signed by Messrs. R. L. Craven and Agnus Morrison, and the same are true, wherein they contain statements which purport to refer to those certain facts coming within my knowledge. I was also present at the police station and heard what occurred there, as testified to by Mr. Craven. After Albert McKnight made the statement to Mr. Craven, and before the same was sworn to, and before anything was made public, I impressed upon Albert McKnight the importance of telling the truth, and I told him that under no circumstances could he expect to get any reward or any money for what he said he was willing to swear. On the other hand I told him that it would probably cause his wife, Minola McKnight, to lose her job and could only result in worry and trouble to him, even if what he said was true, my purpose being to see that there was no improper influences operating on his mind in telling what he did. Albert McKnight is present when I sign this affidavit and has heard read over to him the same before I signed it, and Albert McKnight says that wherein reference in this affidavit is made to him and what he said and did, the same is absolutely true.